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Title: Endovascular Prosthesis with Suture Holder

PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests to amend the benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the above-noted application, as follows in marked-up form:

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/640,819, filed August 17, 2000 (Abandoned), which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/266,136, filed March 10, 1999 (Abandoned), which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Argentina Patent Application No. P19980101144, filed March 13, 1998.

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Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed benefit claim.

The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: 12 November 2004

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